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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—LUNDA LEE.
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COMMITTEES.

ON OBITUARIES—R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, W. A. Colville.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—H. R. Hayes, C. M. Core, G. B. Strickland, W. H. Avery, A. W. Gregory.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. B. Thain,	Glenmore,	N. C.
Robert Strickland,	Glenmore,	"
J. F. Hill,	Goldsboro,	"
Lunda Lee,	Giles' Mill,	"
Kenith Reynor,	Little River Academy,	"
J. S. Ellis,	Clayton,	"
R. C. Jackson,	Hawley's Store,	"
J. A. Hodges,	Benson,	"
J. E. Smith,	Myatt's Mills,	"
W. R. Glover,	Little River Academy,	"
W. L. Godwin,	Bass,	"
W. B. Hare,	Manchester,	"
J. W. Moore,	Four Oaks,	"

LICENTIATES.

T. G. Hayes, J. G. Whittonton.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, Robert Strickland.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

CASEY'S CHAPEL, WAYNE CO., N. C.,
November 9th, 1894.

The congregation assembled in the church at 11 o'clock, A. M. Eld. Lunda Lee, who was elected to preach the Introductory sermon, was present and preached from First Corinthians, 1st chapter and 10th verse: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner, the congregation reassembles and was called to order by the Moderator.

The Secretary being absent, the Moderator appoints brother J. F. Jackson, Sec. *pro tem*, and the names entitled to membership enrolled as follows:

OFFICERS.

Elder Lunda Lee, Moderator; B. A. Hodges, Treasurer; J. F. Jackson, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—R. C. Jackson and J. A. Hodges.

On Ministerial Character—W. H. Avery, A. W. Gregory and G. B. Strickland.

MINISTERS.

S. B. Thain, Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, J. E. Smith, W. R. Glover, Kenith Reynor, J S. Ellis, W. L. Godwin, R. C. Jackson and J. A. Hodges.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Moore and J. G. Whittonton.

DELEGATES.

Prospect—R. M. Parker, Lonnie Sorrel.

Hodges Chapel—D. T. Barefoot.

Pleasant Grove—Not Represented.

Long Branch—By Letter.

Colyer's Chapel—By Letter.

Shady Grove—E. R. Wilson, J. R. Baggett.

Stoney Run—J. H. Jernigan, B. H. Jernigan, W. T. Barefoot.

New Hope—W. B. Strickland, J. T. Allen.

Johnston Union—W. R. Parrish, J. R. Norris, J. M Langdon.

St. Mary's Grove—B. C. Harper, J. R. Benson.

Johnston's Chapel—Lemuel Hardee, R. C. Langdon, L. M. Capps.

Union Springs—By Letter.

Mt. Pleasant—L. H. Jones.

Wood's Grove—J. J. Roberts, J. C. Smith, J. L. Aulphin.

Casey's Chapel—Ransom Garris, Edward Long, Richard Anderson.

New Chapel—Not Represented.

Bethel—J. W. Stanley.

Anderson' Creek—W. B. Hare.

Hopewell—A Muns, D. C. Johnson.

Dunn—By Letter.

Lee's Chapel—C. A. Jackson.

Beasley's Grove—By Letter.

Lee's Grove—J. G. Whittonton, E. M. Tart, A. R. Lee.

Western Conference—Elders J. H. Sasser, C. R. Pearce.

A quorum being found present, Conference was duly organized for the transaction of business.

A letter is read from Bro H. W. Jernigan, tendering his resignation as Secretary of this body, whereupon Bro. J. F. Jackson was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

The Treasurer being absent, the Moderator appoints Bro. A. Muns Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Moderator calls to his assistance Eld. R. C. Jackson.

The Secretary calls to his assistance Bro. A. W. Gregory.

By motion, the names of W. B. Hare and C. H. Tripp are enrolled as licentiates.

The Moderator appoints Bros, Ransom Garris, Edward Long, and Eld. J. F. Hill a committee on Religious Exercises; on Finance, J. C. Smith, G. B. Strickland, and J. R. Baggett; committee on boundaries, J. L. Aulphin, Richard Anderson, and W. T. Barefoot.

The committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at stand at 11 o'clock A. M. Eld. J. H. Sasser followed by Eld. K. Reynor.

By motion, Lee's Grove church is received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

By motion, the report of the committee on ministerial character is received and committee continued. (See report).

By motion, the rules of order are suspended

and the letters from most of the churches read.

By motion by Eld. J. F. Hill, the name of New Prospect be stricken from our list.

By motion, the reports are received from the ministers. (See reports).

By motion, the report of the Sabbath School Convention is received. (See reports).

By motion, Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9: 30 o'clock; closing exercises conducted by Elder Kenith Reynor.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Ordaining Council met at Bro. Alex Casey's and examined Bros. J. W. Moore and W. B. Hare on the principal doctrines of the Free Will Baptist faith, and found them to be orthodox in the faith, whereupon the council proceeded to ordain them according to the usual custom of laying on hands, prayer and sermon.

Elder Lee preached from St. Mark 16: 15,16, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

LUNDA LEE,
R. C. JACKSON, } Ordaining Council.
ROBERT STRICKLAND,

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1894.

Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9: 30. Religious exercises are conducted by Elder C. R. Pearce.

Roll is called, and 45 members answers.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

By motion, Rev. B. E. Perkins of the Society of

Friends be invited to a seat in this body.

By motion, the balance of reports from ministers and churches are read.

By motion, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parker, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions)

By motion, resolution by Elder J. F. Hill, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions)

By motion, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parker is received for discussion. (Resolution tabled.)

By motion, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory received for discussion and adopted. (See resolution.)

By motion, Elder J. H. Worley, of the Western Conference, and W. C. Vause of the Eastern Conference, are invited to a seat in this body.

By motion, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions.)

By motion, resolution by Elder Robert Strickland is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions.)

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the stand at 2 o'clock, Elder J. S. Ellis, followed by Elder W. C. Vause; to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., Elders R. C. Jackson and J. H. Worley, Elder Lee close.

Petitions are received from New Hope and Johnston's Union. It is decided by a vote that the next session of this Conference be held with the church at Johnston's Union, Johnston county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1895, at 12 o'clock.

Petitions are received from Stoney Run and Hodges Chapel. It is decided by vote, that the next session of the Sunday School Convention be held with the church at Hodges Chapel, Harnett county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1895.

By motion, Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

Conference reassembles in the house at 1:30 and resumes business under the head of miscellaneous.

The names of Elders R. C. Jackson and J. F. Hill are put in nomination to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual session of this body. Eld. Jackson is elected and Eld. Hill his alternate.

By motion, the Moderator appoints a committee to investigate the trouble existing between the church at Johnston's Union and Bros. L. A. and Lodrie Corbett. The Moderator appoints on this committee, Eld. J. A. Hodges, Bros. A. Muns, and W. B. Strickland.

By motion, the Moderator pays over to the Treasurer the balance of $2,83 from last year, sent by Bro. H. W. Jernigan.

By motion, the names of W. B Hare and J. H. Moore be entered on the list of ordained ministers.

By motion, the report of the Finance committee is received and committee discharged. (See reports).

By motion, the Treasurer pays over $11,00 to Bro. A. W. Gregory in part payment of the debt of $24,00.

By motion, this Conference have 500 copies of

its proceedings printed, and send 50 copies to the Western Conference and 50 copies to the Eastern Conference.

By motion, Conference pays the Secretary $10, 00 for preparing the manuscript and recording same on Book of Records.

By motion, the Treasurer pays the Secretary $18,01 to defray the expenses of printing the minutes.

By motion, the Treasurer pays Eld. R. C. Jackson $1,75, his expenses to the Western Conference.

By motion, this body send a delegate to the next Western Conference. Eld. J. A. Hodges is elected a delegate to the same.

By motion, this Conference send a delegate to the Eastern Conference. Bro. A. W. Gregory is elected a delegate to the same. Eld. Robert Strickland is elected alternate for Bro. Gregory, and Eld. R. C. Jackson for Eld. Hodges.

By motion, this Conference tenders a vote of thanks to this community for its kind hospitality shown them during this session of this Conference.

By motion, Conference adjourns to meet with the church at Johnston's Union, Johnston county, on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1895, at 12 o'clock. Closing remarks and prayer by Eld Lee.

LUNDA LEE, Moderator;
J. F. JACKSON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, AND RESOLUTIONS.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We the committee on ministerial character report the following:

We know nothing derogatory to the Christian character of any minister of this Conference.

We ask the aid of each clerk of the local churches to aid us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. STRICKLAND,
A. W. GREGORY,
W. H. AVERY,
Committee.

We the Finance committee find in the hands of the Treasurer - - - $ 28,01
Collected for Bro. A. W. Gregory, - 11,00
" " Eld. R. C. Jackson, - 1,75

Total, - - - - $ 40,76

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. STRICKLAND,
J. C. SMITH,
J. R. BAGGET,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY J. F. HILL. 1893.

Resolved 1st, That this Conference put one of her ministers in the field as an itinerant.

Resolved 2nd, That a committee of five be appointed to solicit funds and have entire control of the itinerant work.

RESOLUTION BY LUNDA LEE. 1893.

Seeing the need of a better system of Sabbath-school work, be it therefore

Resolved 1st, That this Conference organize a Sabbath-school Convention, to be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October of each year.

2nd, That this body elect the necessary officers to govern said convention, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

3rd, That each Sabbath-school are entitled to one representative, whose duty it shall be to carry a report of their school.

4th, That a condensed report of said convention be made yearly on our minutes.

5th, That visiting classes be made welcome in said convention, and all privileges be granted, save that of voting.

6th, That the Free Will Baptist literature be used in our Sabbath-schools.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY. 1893.

Resolved, That the Church Letters state to each annual Conference the number of male members and the number of female members in their respective churches.

RESOLUTION BY J. A. HODGES. 1893.

Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference make a full report to each annual Conference the amount of work done by them, the number of sermons preached, and contribution received.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY. 1893.

Resolved, That all the church clerks from the

several churches be requested to send with their church letters at each annual Conference an amount equal to two cents per head for each member of the respective churches, to be used as minute funds of each year.

RESOLUTION BY R. M PARKER. 1894.

Resolved, That in order to encourage our young ministers and members to prepare themselves to fill the responsible positions of this Conference, that the election of the officers of this body take place every two years by ballot.

RESOLUTION BY J. F. HILL. 1894.

Resolved, That this Conference meet on Thursday before the first Sunday in November of each year, at 12 o'clock, M.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY. 1894

Resolved, That the resolution in regard to fining ministers $5,00, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY. 1894.

Resolved, That all unrepealed resolutions passed by former Conferences, be printed and retained upon the minutes of each succeeding Conference, and be in force until they shall be repealed.

RESOLUTION BY ROBT. STRICKLAND. 1894.

Resolved 1st, That this Conference assess every male member in the Cape Fear Conference 10 cents, for the purpose of establishing a College to send our preachers.

Resolved 2nd, That this Conference petition the Western and Eastern Conferences to adopt the same rule, and that the College shall be for the use of the three said Conferences.

TEXTS PREACHED FROM DURING CONFERENCE.

KENITH REYNOR.

St. John 5: 6. "Wilt thou be made whole?"

J. H. SASSER.

Romans 8: 9. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

J. S. ELLIS.

St. Luke 2: 10. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

W. C. VAUSE.

Psalms 107: 7. "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."

R. C. JACKSON.

St. John 15: 4. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

J. H. WORLEY.

Genesis 3: 18. "And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren."

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1894.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership
3d. Organization.
4th. Enrollment of newly ordained ministers.
5th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th. Appointment of Committees.
8th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
9th. Reports from Committees.
10th. Reports from Churches.
11th. Resolutions.
12th. Miscellaneous Business.
13th. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present

PASTOR'S REPORTS.

Ministers.	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Funerals.	S. S. Lectures.	Married.	No. of Days in Revivals	Amount Received.
Lunda Lee. -	3	32	86	4	3	4		$50 00
J. A. Hodges, -	4	27	48	4	3		43	28 48
J. F. Hill, -		1	25		5			12 50
R. C. Jackson,	5	41	141	11	2	9	45	115 18
J. S. Ellis, -	4	22	80					43 75
Robt. Strickland,	1	54	53					12 00
W. R. Glover, -			54					3 00
Kenith Reynor,			50	1		2		6 00
J. G. Whittenton,			21					

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Name of Sabbath S.	Name of Superintend't	Delegate.	Members on roll.	Number of members belonging to church.	No. joined church from S. S.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average attendance.	Paid for literature,	Miscellaneous.
Johnston Union	S. C. Turnage	J. M. Langdon	70				10	33	$4 75	
Lee's Chapel	C. A. Jackson	T. S. Godwin	50		4		25	30	30	150
Hodges' Chapel	W. R. Strickland	D. T. Barefoot	43		25			27	83	
Long Branch	W. M. Pope	W. N. Dixon	80	48	4			50	35	
Lee's Grove	John G. Whittendon	Julius Lee	63	20			13	40	56	
New Hope	W. B. Strickland	By Letter	57					17	2 12	
Shady Grove	J. R. Baggett	A. H. Godwin	117	56		30		42	4 08	70
Casey's Chapel	I. Grant	By Letter	70	25			5	40	5 00	150

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	PASTOR, '94.	For Minutes.	Paid to pastors.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	No. of memb's.	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	R. C. Jackson	$1 50	$22 68	$	$	7	7				110		
Hodges Chapel	"	R. Strickland	95	11 50	1 63		51	34		4	4	168	50	
Pleasant Grove	"													
Long Branch	Cumberla'd	R C. Jackson	1 50	27 00		75	11	8	2			138	9	
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lunda Lee	1 71	36 07	4 78				7	1	5	313		14
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberla'd	R. C. Jackson	1 00	31 50			13	13		1	3	74	9	4
Stoney Run	Sampson	Lunda Lee	1 50	18 50			14	11			2	143	12	
New Hope	Johnston	J. A. Hodge's	1 60	14 15	1 75	64 00	1	1	1	1		80		1
Johnson's Union	"	J. S. Ellis	1 68	15 10	4 75	2 60	8	5	4			84	4	
St. Mary's Grove	"	"	75	13 30		90	17	1	2	1		32	18	5
Johnson's Chap'l	"	R. C. Jackson	1 18	30 00			8	3		9		59		1
Union Springs	"	J. S. Ellis	66	9 50			1				1	33		
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	J. A. Hodges	50	7 90		3 00	7			1	2	56		
Wood's Grove	Wayne	C. R. Pearce	1 84	31 25	5 45	15 15			4			92		5
Casey's Chapel	"	J. F. Hill	1 50	12 50	5 00	1 50	1		3	1		73		3
New Chapel	Johnston													
Bethel	"	J. S. Ellis,	1 35	5 65	1 20	80			4	1	1	80		6
Anderson's Creek	Harnett	W. R. Glover	1 50				3	3				29	3	
Hopewell	Johnston	J. H. Worley	1 00	25 00			4	3	4			39		
Dunn	Harnett	R. C. Jackson	50	5 45			3	2		2	1	64	1	
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	Lunda Lee	1 50	4 00			18	5	9	1	1	76	7	
Beasley Grove	Johnston	K. Reynor	90	6 40		1 50	20	20		1		44	11	
Lee's Grove	Harnett		46				23					23		

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